

WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF JUVENILE SERVICES

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Institutional Operations

REFERENCE AND RELATED STANDARDS:

WV Code Chapter §§ 49-5-16a and 49-5E-1 et seq.; ACA 3-JCRF-3A-10/11

SUBJECT: Double-bunking of Residents

DATE: April 1, 2014

POLICY

It is the policy of the Division of Juvenile Services to establish guidelines for the double-bunking of sleeping rooms and to prohibit adults and juveniles as well as male and female residents from sharing the same sleeping room.

CANCELLATION

This Policy has been reviewed and supersedes Policy 312.00 dated January 1, 2012.

APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to all Division of Juvenile Services residential facilities.

PROCEDURES

- 1. In normal operating circumstances, facilities will only have one resident per sleeping room or two residents per double occupancy room.
- 2. The Facility Superintendents/Directors will ensure that the following will not share a sleeping room:
 - a. Juvenile residents with adult residents
 - b. Male with female residents
 - c. Transgender residents
 - d. Alleged sexual predators
 - e. Specialized housing status residents
 - f. Suicide watch, behavioral watch and/or mentally ill
 - g. Any resident with a history of escape or violent behavior that may compromise the safety of another resident
 - h. Any resident with a court order for separate housing

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- i. Residents with severe medical disabilities
- j. Residents likely to be exploited or victimized by others
- k. Residents who have other special needs for single housing
- l. Enemies of record
- 3. In dormitory settings, same sex residents of all ages are permitted to sleep in the same cottage/dorm as long as all residents are under constant supervision by staff.
- 4. Emergency plans for the temporary housing of residents will include adequate supervision and provisions for the separation of residents as listed in this policy.
- 5. Each facility will develop an operational procedure for this policy.

RIGHTS RESERVED

The Director reserves the right to modify, suspend or cancel any provision herein in part or entirety, without advance notice, unless prohibited by law.

APPROVED:

Director

Date